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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES¹

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month

period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

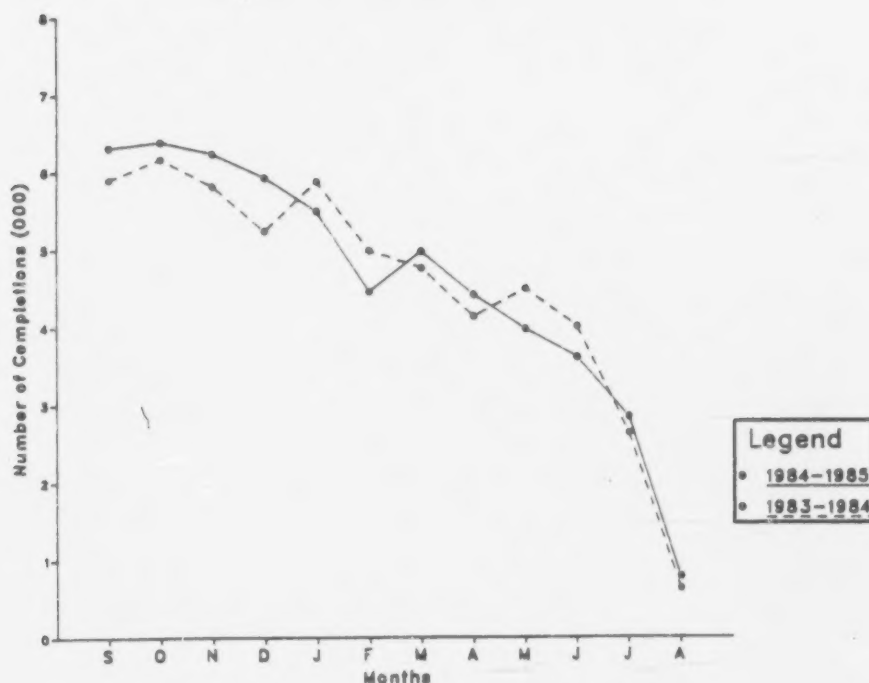


TABLE 1: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF AUGUST 31, 1985

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS ⁴	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	15,584	67,315,818	5,480	31,857,646	9,513	49,876,335	30,577	149,049,799	31,317	151,679,587
1985: AUG	350	1,709,893	62	380,875	370	2,000,362	782	4,091,130	792	4,119,474
JUL	1,493	6,271,200	453	2,724,776	897	4,436,359	2,843	13,432,335	2,892	13,555,107
JUN	1,910	8,017,549	616	3,391,003	1,084	5,366,320	3,610	16,774,872	3,703	17,142,353
MAY	2,056	9,127,415	682	3,900,345	1,241	6,612,979	3,979	19,640,739	4,096	20,079,668
APR	2,301	9,932,731	719	4,419,830	1,400	7,253,143	4,420	21,605,704	4,512	21,907,666
MAR	2,548	10,998,832	896	5,295,022	1,537	7,774,477	4,981	24,068,331	5,108	24,464,601
FEB	2,227	9,832,958	940	5,468,874	1,295	7,026,652	4,462	22,328,484	4,579	22,718,233
JAN	2,699	11,425,240	1,112	6,276,921	1,689	9,406,043	5,500	27,108,204	5,635	27,692,485
TOTAL 1984	38,855	151,979,873	14,847	80,679,803	23,318	112,822,907	77,020	345,482,583	78,815	350,485,376
1984: DEC	2,942	11,418,343	1,132	6,064,002	1,854	9,652,690	5,928	27,135,035	6,051	27,520,619
NOV	3,161	12,155,233	1,272	6,578,886	1,806	9,093,954	6,239	27,828,073	6,358	28,194,710
OCT	3,201	13,213,294	1,328	7,153,511	1,861	9,023,637	6,390	29,390,442	6,562	29,942,875
SEP	3,151	12,071,520	1,252	6,612,469	1,908	9,043,027	6,311	27,727,016	6,419	28,047,755
AUG	3,446	12,921,041	1,427	7,541,416	2,331	10,725,825	7,204	31,188,292	7,364	31,677,172
JUL	3,520	13,506,066	1,289	7,071,648	2,162	9,885,456	6,971	30,463,170	7,124	30,911,532
JUN	3,477	13,019,716	1,354	7,123,684	2,220	10,097,902	7,051	30,241,302	7,208	30,660,397
MAY	3,384	13,273,931	1,233	6,850,750	1,868	9,131,751	6,485	29,256,432	6,638	29,629,996
APR	2,996	11,432,340	925	5,512,054	1,641	8,158,568	5,562	25,102,962	5,746	25,535,870
MAR	3,182	12,923,977	1,076	6,501,110	1,714	8,668,430	5,972	28,093,517	6,143	28,508,760
FEB	3,100	12,497,129	1,233	6,576,959	1,732	8,694,772	6,065	27,768,860	6,207	28,160,218
JAN	3,295	13,547,283	1,326	7,093,314	2,221	10,646,895	6,842	31,287,492	6,995	31,695,472
TOTAL 1983	35,694	132,959,683	13,925	74,523,517	22,878	101,494,639	72,497	308,977,839	74,458	313,611,945
1983: DEC	2,937	11,228,167	1,293	6,563,946	1,895	9,146,073	6,125	26,938,186	6,268	27,298,900
NOV	3,185	12,259,023	1,245	6,101,822	2,100	9,695,534	6,530	28,056,379	6,703	28,491,664
OCT	3,241	12,361,374	1,378	6,833,595	2,141	9,481,871	6,760	28,676,840	6,927	29,076,223
SEP	3,171	11,650,770	1,241	6,427,696	1,968	8,377,064	6,380	26,455,530	6,551	26,807,008
AUG	3,340	11,729,673	1,310	6,582,846	2,060	8,479,296	6,710	26,791,815	6,931	27,358,792
JUL	3,008	10,776,401	1,078	5,651,091	1,938	8,082,962	6,024	24,510,454	6,200	24,901,780
JUN	2,844	10,350,525	1,025	5,813,953	1,851	7,324,506	5,720	23,488,984	5,887	23,830,939
MAY	2,620	10,350,084	932	5,468,235	1,712	7,552,329	5,264	23,370,648	5,444	23,830,731
APR	2,549	9,814,656	866	5,183,479	1,550	7,143,912	4,965	22,142,047	5,085	22,423,513
MAR	2,863	11,023,847	1,065	6,089,782	1,836	7,497,004	5,764	25,610,633	5,926	25,943,042
FEB	2,536	9,647,345	1,082	6,047,465	1,714	7,801,700	5,332	23,496,511	5,451	23,803,277
JAN	3,400	11,767,818	1,410	7,759,606	2,113	9,912,388	6,923	29,439,812	7,085	29,846,076
TOTAL 1982	38,216	146,304,332	18,524	104,241,096	25,441	121,018,333	82,181	371,563,761	84,390	376,817,857
TOTAL 1981	42,712	169,159,458	19,844	106,223,808	27,199	132,663,467	89,755	408,046,733	92,133	413,889,572

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF AUGUST 31, 1985

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	870	5,123,993	542	3,686,285	4,256	24,648,836	5,668	33,459,114
1985: AUG	28	137,281	5	35,142	148	878,006	181	1,050,429
JUL	49	300,167	32	214,254	366	2,011,434	447	2,525,855
JUN	79	441,153	49	403,778	465	2,428,698	593	3,273,629
MAY	111	663,276	83	514,068	535	3,139,327	729	4,316,671
APR	117	648,685	81	559,908	613	3,615,571	811	4,824,164
MAR	149	900,013	74	499,865	680	3,875,205	903	5,275,083
FEB	153	928,000	98	664,510	636	3,759,033	887	5,351,543
JAN	184	1,105,418	120	794,760	813	4,941,562	1,117	6,841,740
TOTAL 1984	2,234	12,144,096	1,447	9,142,155	10,628	56,902,603	14,309	78,188,854
1984: DEC	140	743,667	85	460,706	904	5,268,092	1,129	6,472,465
NOV	171	938,961	94	572,433	823	4,591,924	1,088	6,103,318
OCT	160	821,125	129	852,179	908	4,662,909	1,197	6,336,213
SEP	208	1,165,333	117	800,258	859	4,449,364	1,184	6,414,955
AUG	179	955,813	113	741,259	1,014	5,382,670	1,306	7,079,742
JUL	187	978,866	142	921,779	1,029	5,110,530	1,358	7,011,175
JUN	191	1,061,698	124	724,946	1,040	5,218,230	1,355	7,004,874
MAY	212	1,158,594	126	786,115	817	4,493,472	1,155	6,438,181
APR	150	883,567	99	677,072	741	4,012,493	990	5,573,132
MAR	211	1,173,296	146	995,987	725	4,112,422	1,082	6,281,705
FEB	198	1,104,233	143	837,742	790	4,412,454	1,131	6,354,429
JAN	227	1,158,943	129	771,679	978	5,188,043	1,334	7,118,665
TOTAL 1983	2,089	10,440,556	1,624	10,102,612	9,862	47,920,586	13,575	68,463,754
1983: DEC	149	740,158	124	754,132	808	4,219,699	1,081	5,713,989
NOV	167	822,979	111	686,553	923	4,466,032	1,201	5,975,564
OCT	201	1,060,050	135	812,826	909	4,411,034	1,245	6,283,910
SEP	173	855,615	132	778,503	884	4,020,426	1,189	5,654,544
AUG	183	785,072	134	779,421	870	3,829,889	1,187	5,394,382
JUL	179	821,522	129	721,862	822	3,649,697	1,130	5,193,081
JUN	165	797,939	130	841,296	828	3,540,318	1,123	5,179,553
MAY	158	910,175	149	983,929	770	3,790,937	1,077	5,685,041
APR	176	865,954	129	840,714	638	3,320,354	943	5,027,022
MAR	174	933,550	147	878,954	770	4,079,451	1,091	5,891,955
FEB	170	922,628	145	972,962	702	3,711,093	1,017	5,606,683
JAN	194	924,914	159	1,051,460	938	4,881,656	1,291	6,858,030
TOTAL 1982	2,457	13,392,998	2,141	14,630,388	11,136	60,051,516	15,734	88,074,902
TOTAL 1981	2,665	15,429,356	2,528	17,018,346	12,280	68,784,885	17,473	101,232,587

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS¹ BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR
REPORTED TO THE API DURING AUGUST 1985

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁴ CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	2,978	12,383,252	1,120	6,236,888	1,871	9,287,654	5,969	27,907,794	6,100	28,336,160
1985: AUG	350	1,709,893	62	380,875	370	2,000,362	782	4,091,130	792	4,119,474
JUL	1,227	5,143,318	373	2,213,687	614	2,863,319	2,214	10,220,324	2,253	10,329,455
JUN	682	2,846,782	251	1,433,451	361	1,823,498	1,294	6,103,731	1,335	6,257,872
MAY	276	1,141,174	126	740,216	198	964,944	600	2,846,334	625	2,938,299
APR	165	595,435	72	406,896	113	550,824	350	1,553,155	356	1,577,596
MAR	118	402,527	77	370,041	92	421,573	287	1,194,141	292	1,204,708
FEB	90	321,038	76	337,050	74	435,794	240	1,093,882	242	1,096,537
JAN	70	223,085	83	354,672	49	227,340	202	805,097	205	812,219
TOTAL 1984	409	1,275,562	297	1,288,531	293	1,069,188	999	3,633,281	1,023	3,689,100
1984: DEC	78	283,104	88	360,762	52	164,022	218	807,888	219	810,438
NOV	59	220,052	91	395,047	47	194,604	197	809,703	197	809,703
OCT	61	209,504	50	215,572	22	100,578	133	525,654	137	534,064
SEP	34	81,821	14	80,945	26	88,022	74	250,788	76	257,139
AUG	33	84,223	12	53,854	39	163,172	84	301,249	91	314,521
JUL	23	52,447	12	50,958	25	88,901	60	192,306	62	194,688
JUN	26	101,541	6	14,897	27	94,179	59	210,417	63	220,314
MAY	23	63,749	9	44,358	14	40,520	46	148,627	46	148,627
APR	21	49,554	4	24,951	5	7,834	30	82,139	32	90,851
MAR	23	42,844	4	19,462	19	58,834	46	121,140	47	121,402
FEB	18	34,364	4	15,979	4	11,671	26	62,014	26	62,014
JAN	10	52,359	3	11,946	13	57,051	26	121,356	27	125,339
TOTAL 1983	60	165,219	23	74,023	68	181,775	151	421,017	158	434,919
1983: DEC	8	28,937	3	8,842	13	34,801	24	72,580	24	72,580
NOV	12	24,234	2	8,411	9	21,534	23	54,179	23	54,179
OCT	4	17,581	3	14,040	9	33,394	16	65,015	18	69,385
SEP	7	20,644	4	8,185	4	9,496	15	38,325	15	38,325
AUG	7	18,548	2	10,066	5	9,262	14	37,876	15	40,565
JUL	3	13,998	1	1,300	2	4,433	6	19,731	7	21,383
JUN	8	10,881	0	0	3	9,675	11	20,556	11	20,556
MAY	2	1,826	1	1,675	3	14,495	6	17,996	7	22,819
APR	5	14,956	2	3,227	9	17,224	16	35,407	17	35,622
MAR	2	11,864	3	12,288	4	5,522	9	29,674	10	29,827
FEB	1	950	2	5,989	1	1,600	4	8,539	4	8,539
JAN	1	800	0	0	6	20,339	7	21,139	7	21,139
TOTAL 1982	22	52,788	17	40,639	23	82,109	62	175,536	63	176,556
VRS PRIOR TO 1982	17	53,737	2	2,914	25	39,013	44	95,664	44	95,664
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁵	3,486	13,930,558	1,459	7,642,995	2,280	10,659,739	7,225	32,233,292	7,388	32,732,399

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of August 31, 1985. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.
2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.
3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLES III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.
2. See footnote (2) above.
3. See footnote (3) above.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.
5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period August 1, 1985 through August 31, 1985. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.